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ACCORDING TO VAN DER ESSEN OF FONMIN, BELGIUM HAS LEGAL PROBLEM WITH ITS ABILITY TO RATIFY 1972 CONVENTION.

PROBLEM RELATES BACK TO 1964 "AGREED MEASURES ON THE CONSERVATION OF FLORA AND FAUNA IN THE ANTARCTIC". SINCE 1964 MEASURES WERE NOT A FORMAL INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT, GOB IS HAVING DIFFICULTIES DEVISING DOMESTIC LEGISLATION WHICH CAN CONSTITUTIONALLY ENFORCE 1964 AGREEMENT.

ONCE THOSE DIFFICULTIES ARE OVERCOME (WHICH VAN DER ESSEN FULLY EXPECTS WILL TAKE ONE OR TWO MORE YEARS)

RATIFICATION OF THE 1972 CONVENTION WILL SWIFTLY FOLLOW. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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